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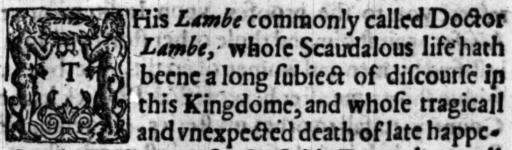
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To passe by his Childehood, and to come to the beginning of his life; after he was at mans estate, was for the most part spent in the houses of divers Gentlemen, whose Children he taught to write and reade the English tongue. The first steppe that ever hee made towards that wicked course, which hee was afterwards accused for, was the prosession of that noble and deepe Science of Physicke, (a colour which many base Impostours have vsed to level and juggling practifes, as the best things are subject to the greatest abuses.

buses.) Whether this Doctor Lambe, for so wee will now call him, had any abilitie of learning in him or no, I will relate the judgements of some honest and able men, which have talked with him. he feemed to them thow ever hee would talke highly to ignorant people) to be altogether vnlearned, and filly of discourse, or else to affect that way of speaking as a colour of his mischeucus pra clifes and rather to be thought by them an Impostour, whom the credulous ignorance of the common people I ad rayled to that Fame, then to be truely and guiltily learned in those wicked Myfteryes. But whether hee were truely the man, which the people couceived him to bee, or not, I referre you to the proofes vpon Inditement at Assifes against him and those other stories of him iustified by men and women of credit. He began within short rime after he professed Physick in the Country, to fall to other mysteries, as telling of Fortunes, helping of diverse to lost goods, shewto young people the faces of their Husbans or Wives, that should be, in a Christall glasse: revealing to wives the escapes and faults of their Husbands, and to husbands of their wines. By which meanes, whether truly or falfely told he wrought so much vpon their credulitie, that many mischiefs and divisions were wrought betweene marryed people. But his fame was never truely great, till he came to bee questioned by the Lawes of the Kingdome at Assifes and Sessions. For the condemnation of his lew dnesse in those affe mblies of Inflice, did raise an opinion of his abilitie among

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people, no lesse then some valearned and foolish Bookes in our time have gotten credit among the people, onely because Authoritie hath censured them bad, which in steede of hurting the Authors, hath blowne them vp with a vaine pride, and honoured them in the judgement of their ignorant admirers. The first tryall in a Court of suffice against Doctor Lambe, of any note, was at the Assifes at Worcester, In which he was found guilty of two severall Indicements; one for vachistian and damnable practises against the person of an Honourble Peere of this Realme; and the other for damnable invocation and worship of cuil Spirits; as will in the following discourse more at large appeare.

And because I would not trouble every vnlearned person to finde out such as are learned to expound Indictements. Therefore for the better vnderstanding of all persons, I have herein set downe the true effects of the said Indictments in English.

In Indictment preferred against Iohn Lambe, otherwise called Doctor Lambe, at Worcester.

Worcester. J. The Jury for our Soveraigne Lord the King do vpon the holy Euangelists present: That John Lambe late of Tardebigge in the County aforesaid, Gent. not having the seare of God before his eyes, but by a Diabolicall instigation being mooned and seduced the 16.day of Décember in the yeere of the raigne of our Sourraigne

ueraigne Lord King lames, of England, France. and Ireland, King, defendor of the Faith, &c. the fifth, and of Scotland the one and fortieth! At Tardebigg aforesaid, in the said County of Worcester, certaine cuill Diabolicall and execrable arts called Witchcrafts, Enchantments, Charmers and Sorcerers, in and vpon the right Hononrable Th: Lo. W. Deuclishly, Maliciously, and Felonioufly, did vie, practife, and exercise, to the intent by the same euill, deuillish, and execrable Arrs, to difable, make infirme, and confume the body and Brength of the faid Tb: Lo. W. And further the Jury aforesaid, vpon the sayd hely Sacrament. doe fay, that by the said cuilt, deuillish, and execrable Arts, and by force and pretext of the same coill diuellish, and execrable Arts, by him the faid lebn Lambe as aforesaid, vsed, practised, and exercised the foresaid Th. Lo: W. the said 16 day of December in the yeares aforesaid, & at diverse other dayes and times afterwards, at Tardebigg, in the faid County of Worcester, in his body and Arength was greatly wasted and consumed; conrary to the peace of our faid Soueraigne Lord the King, his Crowne and dignitie. And also against the forme of the Statute in this case made and provided,&c.

times and pleaded not guilty to the same but was found guilty of the same by proofe there made.

But ludgement was suspended.

After which Inditement so found, the said Doeer Lambe was againe Indicted upon another Indictment dictment then preferred against him, for inuoking and entertaining of euill Spirits: The effect of which Indictment solloweth in these words.

Woreester ff. The Inry for our Soueraigne Lord the King, doe upon the boly Sacrament prefent that John Lambe late of Henlipp, in the County of Worcefter aforesaid, Gentleman, not having the feare of God before his eyes, but by Diabolicall instigation being moned and seduced, the thirteenth day of May, in the yeere of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord lames, by the grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. the fixth, and of Scotland one and fortieth: and at diner fe other dayes and times aswell before as after at Henlipp aforesaid, in the County of Worcester aforesaid, unlawfully, diabolically, and felonionly against the profession of the Christian Faith, and boly word of God, certaine enill and impious Spirits, did innoke and entertaine with the intent that hee the faid Iohn Lambe by the same impious and wicked spirits should sollow the enill determinations by him the faid lohn Lambe, walanfully, malisiously, and diabolically then determined, or from thence to be determined, to the great Displeasure of the omnipotent God, and to the manifest perill of his soules health, and to the euill and pernicious example of all other the Subjects of our faid Someraigne Lordine King, in such case to be delinquents And contrary to the peace of our faid Soueraigne Lord the King, his Crowne, and Dignitie. And also contrarie to the forme of the Statute in this case made and provided, &car and and and

Vpon this Indica nent, hee pleaded not guilty, but by the lury he was found guiltie, but ludgement was stayed.

Here followesh some particulars of the proofet a. gainft him upon this last Indictment.

That Doctor Lambe did meete with one master waynem in by chance, and entring into some discourse with him, he tolde him, that although hee never had seene him before, yet he could tell him what secret markes he had on his body, and what Acts he had done in his life; which he did: and also told him, that he vpon sight of any man or woman could doe the like to them.

And did practife to drawe the said Mr. wayneman into the Deuillish Art of Conjuration, and told him that he had the command of spirits, and said he would presently shew to him an Angell. Which Master Wayneman for curiositic sake

was content to feet.

Thereupon Doctor Lambe tooke out of his pocket a round Christall Classe, and sett on the crown of his Hatt vpon a table, and then hee kneeled downe on his knees before the same, saying I addure thee (Benias) Wherevpon Master Waineman answered, should you not say I a smire thee? No, quoth Lambe: Then Master Waineman said to him, sure you would not say, I adore? Yes, said Doctor Lambe, otherwise he will not appeare: and although I said to you, it was an Angell, I would shew you, I did deceive you; for it is a Spirit I vse

to call vpon, whereupon Mr. waynemen didde-

part.

And at another time he met with Mr. waynemen and perswaded him to the said art of conjuration, and told him that he could doe strange things, as intoxicate, poyson, and bewitch any man so as they should be disabled from begetting of children.

And that he had 4. spirits bound to his christall but said (Benias) was his chiefe spirit.

All these Mr. Wayneman proued against De-

At another time a gentleman of the County of rorke, was prefent with the fonnes of the right honourable the Earle of Moultgrave, a few dayes before their death: where Doctor Lambe was shewing of tricks at which there was great laughter, amongst whom the Lady Fairefax being present, and fifter to the faid Earles sonnes, did at the faid trickes laugh very heartily, whereupon Doctor Lambe faid to her, Madam, your Ladyship is very merry and pleasant, but within this few dayes your heart will ake, by occasion and accident of water, and within three dayes after the said Earles sonnes were all drowned: and vpon his Examination in other matters laid to his charge, he conteffed that he knew of this accident before it befell by their complexions and the Planets which governed them.

This was confessed upon his examination taken before Mr. Iustice Deniel.

Doctor Lambe being at a gentlemans house in the

the County of Morcefler playing of Ingling tricks, and divers persons being with him; he fell into discourse with some of them, and left his christall ball upon a table; a gentleman called Mr. anthony Birch tooke up the same, and the shape of a hand appeared in it; and looking shill on the said ball, he see a shepheard with a sheepehooke and tarbox on his backe, whereat Master Birch being amazed did presently aske what that was he did see in the christall, and Doctor Lambe seeing him have the same in his hand, snatched it away in great discontent, and put it up in his pocket.

This was proued by the same gentleman, by all which it manifestly appeareth that the said Doctor Lambe was an absolute Witch, a Sorcerer and Jugling person absolutely given over to lewd wicked and diabolicall courses, an invocator and adorer of impious and wicked Spi-

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By his Art and skill in conjuration or rather by the information and instigation of his diabolicall spirits, he would undertake any difficult thing, and did very often discouer and bring to light goods and chattels although they had for a long time beene lost.

Hee could also tell by the view of any perfou suspected for witchcraft, whether hee or thee

were a witch or not.

Hee could tell the disease of any although hee neuer see the partie, and this was discoursed by a Seruingman who comming amongst divers

diners others to see Doctor Lembe, tould him, that his Maisters Daughter, did then languish of a certaine disease which hee then punctually related, and tould him her complexion: which gentlewoman hee did neuer see; neither was he asked any question concerning her disease. This was the Daughter of one Mr. who stopped.

There was among the divers other Gentlewomen that reforted to Doctor Lambe whilest hee was a Prisoner, one Gentlewoman, that was very earnest with him to know who should bee her husband, and Doctor Lamboafter hee had delayed her divers times with promises to shew her what shee desired, appointed her a peremptorie day to come to him, on which day thee accordingly came; and enquired of the keeper for him; and hee directed her to the chamber where hee lay, where when thee came, The called Doctor Lambe? who answered her, and bid her draw neere to his bed (vp. on which he was with his wearing apparell on) when thee was neere him, hee bid her looke in his Chrystall which hee laid on the ground; and asked her if thee did fee any that thee did know : Thee answered that thee did fee divers of her acquaintance there (there beeing then none in the Chamber but them two) who vanished away and the Obrystall beeing cleere from any further object thee turned her face towards Doctor Lambe, and tould him that then there were no other fight shee could see in it? wherewherevpon hee bid her pervie the Chrystall a. gaine, and thereupon thee casting her eyes towards the same, shee faid to him, now I see a Gentleman all in greene, he bid her marke him well, for that same party within a short while would come to her Fathers house, and although his comming thither should not bee with any intent to become a fuiter vuto her, yet there to it would fall out that before his departure hee would have cause to expresse himselfe, and that he in the end should bee her husband: Thee therevpon answered that the did not know the Gentleman, nor did euer fee any fuch man, before that apparition in the Chrystall; hee answered, that it was not materiall; it would come fo to paffe as hee had faid. Wherevoon face at that time departed realonably well fatisfied and comming home fome of the Gentlewomen knowing of her beeing with Dactor Lambe) enquired the newes, and (as Gentlewomen are often inquisitive and very earnest especially to know such rarieties) thee therevpon did make all knowne what had passed, and did describe to them what apparell and of what flature and complexion the partie was that the had feene and was informed by Doctor Lambe should bee her husband : and not many dayes passed after this discouery but the Gentleman whom shee had so desory. bed, came to the Gentlewomans Fathers House, being a Counsellour at Law as a Client, and having had his advise, and taking N DOW bis

his horte at the doore, something did affright the horse as the Gentleman was getting vppe, which caused the horse to reare and kicke in that fort as the Gentleman was taken up for dead, and there being no Inne neare that place he was conveyed into the Lawyers house, where hee continued vntill hee recovered his former health, in which time hee fell in lone with the Gentlewoman: and thee with him, and in the end they were married together.

Here follow some exploits done by Doctor Lambe during his Imprisonment in the Castle of Worcester.

Hree Gentlemen came vpon a time to see Doctor Lambe in the Castle of Worcester, while hee was there Prisoner, who defired to bestow some wine on him; but the Keeper told them it was not a seasonable time to fend for wine; it beeing past Eight of the clocke in a Summer evening; at which time the Caffle gates were of cultome to bee lecked vp; and the Tauerne was halfe a mile distant from the Castle. Vpon which the Gentlemen gaue ouer their purpose of sending for wine. But Doctor Lambe asked them what wipe they would chuse to drinke; and when one of them answered Sacke, hee called for a Wine glaffe, and immediatly a pottle of Sacke B 3 flood

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men were fearefull to meddle with it; but the Doctor began to them, and they upon his encouragement pledged him. They asked him then from whence bee had it; hee told them from the Globe Tauerne, and the figne of the Globe was upon the pot. The Gentlemen afterwards parting from Doctor Lambe, and going to their lodgings in the Towne, enquired of the Tauerne-keeper whether any body had lately fetched a pottle of wine from thence, or no. The man answered them that a little boy in greene had fince eight of the clocke fetched so much for Doctor Lambe.

Another.

Doctor Lambe beeing merry at the Castle with divers of his acquaintance, tspied a woman not farre from thence walking towards them, & told the Company hee would make that woman take up her coates about her middle. And immediately, to the wonder of the company the woman began to take up her cloathes, and by degrees listed them up about her middle. Some women that beheld her, called out allowed, and asked what she meant by so shameles a behaviour, she answered them that shee meant to wade through the water and saue her clothes, imagining (it should seeme) that there had bin a poole, where it was dry land.

A Gentlewoman hearing the fame of Doctor Lambe, came to the Castle with other of her Friends, expecting some strange sights from him. him. And when thee was come into his come asked a triend of hers foftly in his care, which was the Witch? The Doctor came to her, and told her hee knew thee had called him witch, and because thee should know, hee could viderstand secrets, hee told her aloud, (which was truth) that shee had two bastards; and named their ages, and the places where they were both brought up. Upon which the Gentlewoman wonderfully abashed, quitted the place.

Another.

There was a man that dwelt besides Tewabury, whose name was wheeler. Hee was warned to be one of the Jury at worcester upon the Tryall of Doctor Lambe. Hee comming before to the Castle to see the Doctor, and standing amongst the crowd of people in the chamber; Doctor Lambe came to him, and falling downe vpon his knees asked him bleffing. The people wondering at the reason of it, Doctor Lambe told them that he should shortly be one of his twelue Godfathers, wheeler being a bold fellow and nothing abashed at it, told him it was true; but he was now come to fee, whether he could doe any fuch strange things, as he had heard of. Doctor Lambe bid him plucke off his garter, and tye it about his middle as fast as euer he could; which wheeler accordingly did, and tyed it in twenty knots. Then Doctor Lambe bad him plucke it offagaine; hee told him hee could not vnlesse hee tooke time to vntye the knottes. Then Doctor Lambe taking hold of the garter.

ter, plucked it with eafe from him, and in fuch a manner as it seemed to all the company, and to wheeler himselfe, that the Garter came out of his very body; vpon which wheeler was much affrighted, being not altogether sure; whether he were wounded or not.

After his arraignment at the Affiles of worcefer, the High Sheriffe, the Foreman of the lury, and divers others of the Iustices, Gentlemen there present, and of the same Iury, to the number of forty dyed all within one fortnight; vpon which the Country (how ever that fad accident befell) affrighted, and inspecting the damnable arts of the faid Doctor, and obserning many other lewd practifes of his, during the time of his imprisonment, became petitioners for his remove from thence; vpon which hee was removed to the Kings Bench at London. In which place he lived in great plenty of money, and much reforted vnto by people of severall conditions. Where at last hee was arraigned for a rape vpon the person of a girle of eleuen yeares of age, as shall more at large appeare in the following discourse.

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Heere followeth the effect of an Inditement preferred against Doctor Lambe at the Kings Bench Barre, for a Rape by him committed, vpon the body of foan Seager, of the age of Eleuen yeares.

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HE Iury for our Soueraigne Lord the King, vpon the Holy Euangelist, doe prefent: That Iohn Lambe, late of St. George in the Burrough of Southwarke in the County aforefaid Gentleman, not having the feare of God before his eyes, but by a Diabolicall instigation being moued and feduced, the tenth day of lune, in the yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord IAMES by the grace of God, of England, France, & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c, the 21. and of Scotland the 56. with force and armes &c. at the Parish of St. George afore-said, in the Burrough of south-marke aforefaid, in the County afore-faid, vppon one Joane Seager a virgine, of the age of 11. yeares, in the peace of God, and our faid Soueraigne Lord the King then and there beeing, an affault made, and her the faid toane againft her will, then and there feloniously and violently did rauish, deflowre, and carnally know, against the peace of our said Soueraigne Lord the King, his Crowne and Dignity: And also against the

the forme of the Statute in this case made and

prouided,&c. .

Vpon which Inditement hee was arraigned before the Kings Maiesties Instices of his Highnesse
Court, called the Kings Bench, and was there
found guiltie of the said Rape, and had Judgement to die, but by his Maiesties especials Grace
he was pardoned.

Here followeth the effect of the proofes produced against himconcerning this Rape.

Concerning the rauishment of Ioane Seager, of the age of 11. yeares, done by 10hn Lamb prisoner in the Kings Bench.

The Examination of Mabell Swinnerton, wife to William Swinnerton Bricklayer, dwellling in St. Martins Parish, neere unto the new Exchange.

ther of Iohn Seager came to her house, there of Iohn Seager came to her house, there then dwelling in South warke on the Friday in Whitsun-weeke, and in a pitifull manner wringing her hands like a woman ouer-whelmed with extreame griefe, crying out and faying, I am vindone, I am vindone: I then asked her how her husband did, for at that time he was a prisoner in the Counter upon an Execution, and at that time lay very sick to all such as saw him there, thinking him no man for this world: She answered me and

faid, her husband was very ill and lay very hardly; but that was not that matter of her griefe as then, for it was a worle forrow then that! O Lord faid I, what more forrowes then these you have already, vet whatsceuer they bee; desire God to give you patience, for nothing can happen to you, but by Gods fore knowledge : but I pray fayd I, tell me what forrowes these are that thus distract you, she still continued as before wringing her hands, and layd, Thee was not able to tell me, for thee was vndone, at last with my importance shee layd Ioane was vindone, and thee fayd thee could tell me no more thee was not able. but prayed me to come home : so foorth-with I shut my doore and went with her, and by the way I demaunded the cause of her Thee told me it was that villaine Doctor Lambe had undone her childe, and fayd fhee could fay no more her griefe was fo great, but aske the girle faid thee and the will tell you : fo comming to the childe, I questioned with her, but shee being much abashed and ashamed, was long before shee would tell me : but at the last shee told me, that on Whitfun-Euen Lambes women being all very bufie at her mothers house, there was no body to carrie a basket of hearbes ouer to the Bench : but Thee, who when thee came to Doctor Lumb, his man was in the chamber with him scraping of trenchers, and Doctor Lamb tooke her hearbs of her and fet her to play on the Virginals, and then hee lent out his man on a message and lockt the doore, and then tooke her and ledde her into his Closet and made fast that doore, and tooke her vppon a Ioynt stoole, and put his tongue in her mouth to kille her, but shee was wonderous scarefull of him, and striued with him as much as she could, but hee would not let her alone, but stroue with her.

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with her, and by the way I dem anded the cause of I Asked her why shee cold it not at the first, shee faid shee was afraid her Mother would have beaten her: but then at her mothers intreatie, I tooke her home and dreft her, but when I opened her to dreffe her : the place did fmoake like a por that had feething liquor in it that were newly vncouered, and I found her to bee very fore, and could not abide to bee touched: but I perceived that some body had dreft her, and I asked her if any body had medled to dreffe her, thee told me Lambs maid Becke had brought her a thing in a diff, and had drest her, but there was a little specke of the venimous substance of it, that stucke upon the inside of her thigh, and when I puld it away, it had fefterd the place where it stucke, as if one had touched it with an end of Iron, fo vilde and venimous was that base substance. Soby the intreaty of goodwife

Seager, I went ouer to Doctor Lamb to shew him what indeede hee knew before which was on the morrow after we knew of it : which when I came, I faw the chamber well fraught with women, and not past three men in all, and I saw the Doctor (not indeed knowing what he was) very busie foulding of linnen, shaking of them bettwixt him and another, and a white cloath pinde about him, and white fleeues vp to his elbowes, and as nimble as a Vintners boy fetting every one in order. I demanded of his woman to speake with the Doctor, they told me, that was he in the white aperne: fo at last hee went into his clotet and called to me, and asked me if I would speake with him, I asked if his name were Doctor Lamb? That is it faid he, marry faid I, I am come to doe a message vnto you, that I am both forry and ashamed to doe, sorrie said I in respect of the child, and sorrie for you, that you should offer to doe such a thing, for you have vndone an honest mans child, for well shee may recouer her health of body againe, but neuer her credit, for it will bee a staine to her reputation whil'st thee lives: fo many strumpers in the towne and to feeke the ruine of a poore child, I would to God faid I you had not done it : With that he rail'd uppon my Lord of winfzor grieuously, with many base words, and said, hee did more good deedes in a weeke, then my Lord of winfzer did in a yeare: I grant you may doe lo; but this one ill deede hath quite put out the light of all them good deedes, and still hee railed on my Lord of winfzor : but I made answer, I did not know my Lord

Lord of winzer, hee was an Honourable gentleman for ought I know: but this concernes not him
at all, but you, for you have vadone her: then faid
he? let her come to me, that I may fee how shee is,
Nay said I, she hath bin too late with you already,
she will come no more here, he said he would have
her searched with 12 women, you may doe as you
please said I for that matter: I will have her searched to see if she be torne, nay said I, shee is not so
much torne, for I will wrong no body for a thousand pound: but in plaine tearmes you have burnt
her, eyther you have a soule body, or you have
delt with some vacleane person, besides I told him
hee had sent his maide to dresse her, for the dish
was at home still, and so I lest him.

And this is the truth, concerning this businesse with many appurtenances besides apertinant to

the matter.

After his reprine vppon the rape, hee hired a house neere the Parliament house, where hee lived about the space of a yeare and a quarter, in such a course of life, as differed not at all from his former practices. Vpon Friday being the 13. of sune, in the yeare of our Lord 1628, hee went to see a Play at the Fortune, where the boyes of the towne, and other varuly people having observed him present, after the Play was ended, slocked about him, and (after the manner of the common people, who follow a Hubbubb, when it is once a foote) began in a consused manner to assault him, and offer violence. He in affright made toward the Citic as sast as as he could out of the fields, and hired a

company of Sailors, who were there present to be his guard. But so great was the furie of the people, who pelted him with ftones, and other things which came next to hand, that the Sailors (although they did their endeauour for him) had much adoe to bring him in fafetie as farre as Moore-gate. The rage of the people about that place increased so much, that the Sailors for their owne safetie, were forced to leaue the protection of him; and then the multitude purfued him through Coleman-street to the old Iurie, no house being able, nor daring to give him protection, though hee had attempted many. Foure Constables were there raifed to appeale the tumult; who all too late for his fafety brought him to the Counter in the Poultrey, where he was bestowed vppon the commaund of the Lord Major. For before bee was brought thither, the people had had him downe, and with stones and cudgels, and other weapons had to beaten him, that his skull was broken, one of his eyes hung out of his head, and all partes of his body bruifed and wounded fo much, that no part was left to receive a wound. Whereupon (although Surgeons in vaine were fent for) hee neuer spoke a word, but lay languishing vntill Eight a clocke the next morning, and then dyed. This lamentable end of life had Doctor loke Lambe, who before prophecied (although hee were confident hee should escape Hanging,) that at last he should die a violent death. On Sunday following, hee was buried in the new Church-yard neere Bishops-gate. ... FINIS.